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POOR CONRAD RECEIVES A LETTER

THAT ROLLS BACK THE SCROLL OF THE YEARS AND SUGGESTS MORE REMINISCENCES OF BYGONE SCENES.

EDITOR COUNTY RECORD:

I have been requested by several of my friends and acquaintances to give them another letter. I scarcely know what to give them this time. I am up at Mr J J M Graham's again, the place of milk and butter and hog killing and sausages by the mile. I see you are having a good time eating 'possum and "taters." I know that is good, but the back-bones, spare ribs and sausages are good enough for me, and sweeter "taters" never grew than those made by Mr Graham, while Mrs Graham knows how to bake them.

Well, Mr Editor, my letter this time will be a short one, but I must tell you of a letter I received from two old friends whom I have not seen in 25 years. Now, that takes me away back again—those memories so dear to this poor old heart. Take me back, yes, take me back—

"Backward, turn backward, oh! time, in thy flight." Times and people were so different from what so many are now. Mr Editor, you don't know anything about those times when people would move along so much more quietly than now. Time seemed longer. It was not all hurry and bustle—a scramble after this and a grab at that; get rich quick as you can, right or wrong. All is fair; he who gets the most by ways most unfair is often looked upon as the cleverest gentleman.

Yes, I received a letter from my old friend, Mr C O Wheeler, and I would like so much for you to put it in THE RECORD, as I want my friends that read THE COUNTY RECORD to rejoice with me. As the Spartan soldier said after he had run a distance of fifteen miles from the battlefield, all bloody from the wounds he had received in the fight: "Rejoice with me, countrymen, the victory is ours!" and fell down and expired. Now, I am not ready to fall down and expire; but if I do, I want my friends and countrymen to rejoice with me, for to me it is glory more grand to get a letter of love from a noble fellow like C O Wheeler than to tell of great victories in bloody battle.

I write about my friends; yes, prove them to be so (don't I, Mr Editor?) and I must prove this good fellow so. At one time I owed him four hundred dollars. Says he to me (for he had my note and in shape that his money was sure), "Conrad, bring me three hundred dollars and I will call it square." Well, I got busy and called on my friend, Mr W D McFadden, for whom I was boating rosin and turpentine from Mouson's Bridge to Kingstree. "Billy" gave me a check for \$300, so I got \$100 as a gift. So please, sir, put this letter in THE RECORD. It is but a few lines, but it went to the old heart of Poor Conrad.

Darlington, S C,
 January 22, 1909

Mr Conrad Constine,
 Kingstree, S C.

Dear Friend:—
 Recently Mr Henry Smith handed me THE COUNTY RECORD, in which was a letter from you, which I enjoyed reading, and we then and there agreed to ask you to come to Darlington and visit us and we will try and give you a good time between us. You can spend part time with me and part with him. Now, old

fellow, come, as I assure you I would certainly enjoy having you here and I know Mr Smith would.

Yours truly,
 C O WHEELER.

I am now about through with Mr J J M Graham's work, dressing the lumber for quite a large building for a store and one small job for Miss Pearl Graham, mending the sewing machine drawers.

Having eaten all the sausages and back-bones, too.
 Now for Black river fish and "pine bark stew."

Hoping, Mr Editor, when you have space in THE RECORD to spare you will put this in if it happen to miss the waste basket.

Yours very truly,

POOR CONRAD
 Cades, S C, February 24.

Teachers' Association Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Williamsburg County Teachers' association will be held at the graded school building, Kingstree, Saturday, March 6.

Following is the programme:

"How to Make Grammar Interesting"—Mr W E King and Miss Mary Huggins.

"Fractions"—Mr H G Sheridan.

"The Literary Society in the Public School"—Mr O M Mitchell. The April meeting will be held in Scranton, April 3.

J GROVES COLBERT.

Pres W C T A.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures constipation and liver trouble and makes the bowels healthy and regular. Orino is superior to pills and tablets as it does not gripe or nauseate. Why take anything else?

W L Wallace.

A Deservedly Successful Magazine.

Lippincott's for March is as fresh and vigorous as the month's bracing winds. More than half its substantial bulk is given up to the complete novel—"A Knight Errant in Broadway," by Rupert Sargent Holland, whose book, "The Count at Harvard," was well received a couple of years ago. Mr Holland takes as his theme the career of a rather commonplace and not particularly scrupulous young man who comes to New York from a small country town to seek his fortune. He finds "Tenderloin" life fascinating, and as he is in the employ of a rascally lawyer, he is rapidly succumbing to the evil influences which surround him when a young girl comes into his life—a young girl who is sweet and pure. Somehow his old associates begin to seem tawdry to him, his better nature asserts itself, and in the end he proves his manhood and his entire worthiness to wed the charming Rhoda. The transactions of the crooked lawyer and the still more crooked "promoter" throw an interesting side-light on one phase of life in the modern Gotham. Despite the vigilance of the postoffice authorities, it is safe to say that there are still numerous enterprises as dubious as the "National Non-Refillable Bottle Company," and there probably always will be so long as there are people gullible enough to put their money into get-rich-quick schemes about which they have no authoritative information.

Foley's Honey and Tar clears the air passages, stops the irritation in the throat, soothes the inflamed membranes, and the most obstinate cough disappears. Sore and inflamed lungs are healed and strengthened, and the cold is expelled from the system. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package.

W L Wallace.

The man who was born in a cellar is just as much entitled to sleep in the guest chamber as the one who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

SCRANTON SNAP SHOTS.

Mr Wright to Resume Business—Local and Personal Notes.

Scranton, February 23:—No, dear Marguerita, "W E C" has not fallen into innocuous desuetude, but has been busy building air castles which have collapsed with such rapidity as to chill his hopeful heart into a state of hopelessness. Look for us hereafter, we will appear in these columns more frequently.

The local baseballists have organized a team and are practicing for the approaching season. We expect to see some interesting games during the summer.

Pelzer M Lee and Charles P Johnson have formed a partnership for the purpose of conducting a general mercantile business in Scranton. They are opening a large stock of goods in the Cusaac building.

It is understood that Mr Winslow Wright, who suffered so heavily from fire recently, will resume business in the near future.

Messrs L L Hinson and W J Wright of Whiteville, N C, visited Mr and Mrs Winslow Wright last week.

Miss Estelle Coward came home from Hartsville last week to visit her parents.

Messrs W Eugene Cooke, P M Lee and C P Johnson went to Florence last Friday on business.

Monday, the 22nd, being Washington's birthday, the exercises at the graded school were suspended.

Mrs J T Kimball of Conway is the guest of Mr P M Lee's family.

The ruins of Wright's mammoth mercantile establishment excite the sympathy of all passers-by. It is hoped that from the ashes of such valuable property a larger and more prosperous business will soon arise.

W E C

Pneumonia Follows La Grippe.

Pneumonia often follows the grippé but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, for the grippé coughs and deep seated colds. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package.

W L Wallace.

A Cantankerous "Crittter."

The Salisbury, N C, Spectator tells of the troubles of an esteemed contemporary:

"The editor of The Fayette Advertiser is bragging this week about his new gasoline engine. He'll never brag again, for he's had that engine a week now, and if you've noticed, no one ever brags on a gasoline engine but once. Of all machines ever invented for man's undoing, this same gasoline abnormality takes the lead. It is as cantankerous as a donkey, as obstreperous as a pig, as stubborn as a setting hen and as perverse as a woman!"

You should not delay under any circumstances in cases of Kidney and Bladder trouble. You should take something promptly that you know is reliable, something like DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are unequalled for weak back, backache, inflammation of the bladder, rheumatic pains, etc. When you ask for DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, be sure you get them. They are antiseptic. Accept no substitutes; insist upon getting the right kind. Sold by D C Scott, M D.

President McKinley's Sweetness of Spirit.

The quality that overcame those who dealt with McKinley was his sweetness. The old story of the late speaker, Tom Reed, has probably been heard by many. Somebody, speaking of a prominent man, said: "I wish I could say what I heard him say, that in all the thirty years of his married life he never uttered one impatient word to his wife."

"Why don't you say it? The other did," Reed droily quipped.

Now, ordinarily, when a man says that sort of thing some doubt arises in the minds of his hearers, because there are times in the lives of most of us when we say things that we would be glad to have wiped out, and the good women who permit us to live with them know it. This was literally true of William McKinley, and the eulogiums pronounced upon him can be verified by everyone who knew President McKinley in his home life, or came in contact with him. Mr Carnegie has said he never heard an impatient word from his lips and never knew him to be angry. I knew him pretty well and I never knew him to be angry but once and that was when someone threatened that if a certain thing which McKinley did not think right to do, in reference to his policy in the Philippines, was left undone, it would lose him his nomination for a second term.—William Howard Taft, March National Magazine.

Galloway cattle are being raised in Alaska for their skins, which are considered the equal of bearskins for beauty and durability.

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